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1. ON JANUARY 12 THE EC'S PRESS SPOKESMAN COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS SOAMES' VISIT TO ROMANIA. HE NOTED THAT SOAMES HAD MET WITH ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE PATAN AND THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MACOVESCU, IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING AN ADDRESS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE EC SPOKESMAN FURTHER STATED THAT THE ROMANIANS HAD INFORMED SIR CHRISTOPHER THAT THEY SHARED HIS VIEW, AS EX-
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PRESSED IN HIS SPEECH TO THE ASSOCIATION, THAT THE DEVELOPMENT

OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND CEMA" WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH"
THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL
CEMA MEMBER STATES. (THE TEXT OF SOAMES SPEECH HAS BEEN POUCHED
TO EMBASSY BUCHAREST AND TO EUR/RPE- SWARTZ.)

2. THE EC SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THE ROMANIANS' WILLINGNESS
TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC CONCERNING TEXTILES
UNDER THE GATT MULTI- FIBER AGREEMENT. (THIS HAD BEEN PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND WAS REPORTED IN 75
BUCHAREST 5435.) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, BUT WITHOUT FURTHER
COMMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE COMMISSION " DOES NOT REGARD
THE ROMANIANS' WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE A TEXTILE AGREEMENT
AS A BREAKTHROUGH" IN EC/ROMANIAN RELATIONS.

3. WE EXPECT TO GET A MORE DETAILED BRIEFING FROM
COMMISSION OFFICIALS LATER THIS WEEK.
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